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On instructions from my Government I wish to inform you of the following.

On 10 October 1991, at 1740 local time, Kuwaiti patrol boats, on a routine mission in Kuwaiti territorial waters, detected seven objects on the radar, north-east of Failaka island, at 48° 25' E, 30° 45' N. The Kuwaiti patrol approached its target, which turned out to be seven fishing boats with 55 Iraqis. They admitted that they were aware of being in Kuwaiti territorial waters but believed they would not be detected. Investigation also uncovered that some of the boats utilized by the Iraqis belong to Kuwaiti nationals from whom the boats were seized during the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait.

On 26 October 1991, all 55 infiltrators were returned to Iraq under the supervision of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Kuwait.

On 18 October 1991, at 1345 local time, a Kuwaiti police patrol west of Al-Abdeli near the former refugee camp spotted three individuals who parked their cars near Iraqi farms and proceeded south towards ditches inside Kuwaiti territory, ostensibly to collect ammunition. The Kuwaiti patrol apprehended two of the Iraqi infiltrators while the third, failing to heed warning, fled after being shot in the leg. Subsequently, the two were returned to Iraq.

The responsibility of the Iraqi regime for repeated incidents of infiltration into Kuwaiti territory cannot be ignored, especially in the light of the regime's encouragement to scavengers for arms in return for financial rewards. Iraqi actions and inactions towards these infiltration incidents is yet another proof of the regime's intransigence and lack of commitment to the Security Council resolutions.

I would appreciate it if the present letter could be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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